

From: ["Bryan. David" </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE:GROUP \(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT\)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=DE67FD66319E475AA76B7FB0C64D64B5-BRYAN.DAVID>](mailto:Bryan.David@EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE:GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=DE67FD66319E475AA76B7FB0C64D64B5-BRYAN.DAVID)  
To: ["R7 Senior" <Staff>](#)  
CC:  
Date: 6/14/2013 7:40:43 AM  
Subject: St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Landfill issues draw interest of Erin Brockovich

---

## Landfill issues draw interest of Erin Brockovich

St. Louis Post-Dispatch – 6/14/13 - 2 hours ago • BY JEFFREY TOMICH

[http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/landfill-issues-draw-interest-of-erin-brockovich/article\\_2f7cdb79-7744-57dc-8312-d738a61a2e0b.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/landfill-issues-draw-interest-of-erin-brockovich/article_2f7cdb79-7744-57dc-8312-d738a61a2e0b.html)

North St. Louis County residents have for months sought answers to questions about the putrid odor from a smoldering garbage at the Bridgeton Landfill.

They've also worried about the proximity of the underground fire to radioactive waste at the adjacent West Lake Landfill.

Now those concerns have drawn the attention of Erin Brockovich, the environmental activist portrayed by Julia Roberts in the 2000 film about her battle against a utility accused of polluting a small California town's water supply.

A Los Angeles attorney and an environmental investigator who work with Brockovich will meet with residents and answer their questions Saturday morning.

Brockovich, who was initially supposed to attend the meeting, won't be there. It's unclear if her absence is related to her arrest in Nevada last week for boating while intoxicated.

Dawn Chapman, a Maryland Heights mother-turned-environmental activist, is among the North County residents who reached out to Brockovich for help.

Chapman, who helps maintain a Facebook page used by residents to share information about the landfills, said she isn't looking for legal representation. Her goal is to raise awareness about the risks of radioactive waste at West Lake, a federal Superfund site being overseen by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Local environmental groups have pushed for years to have the Army Corps of Engineers take control of the cleanup and excavate tons of Cold War-era nuclear weapons waste that was deposited illegally in the early 1970s.

"It would be really great to get a fresh set of eyes on some of these (Nuclear Regulatory Commission) and EPA documents," she said.

The meeting with Brockovich representatives is set for 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the International Union of Operating Engineers Union Hall 513 at 3449 Hollenberg Drive in Bridgeton.

It is the first of two meetings scheduled for the coming days to discuss issues at the Bridgeton Landfill.

State Rep. Bill Otto, D-St. Charles, will host a meeting on the landfill Monday evening in the cafeteria at Pattonville High School, 2497 Creve Coeur Mill Road in Maryland Heights.

Otto said the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Department of Health and Human Services and technical experts hired by the DNR to assess the landfill fire will be available via webcast to present information and answer questions.